

Proposal to Invest in Infrastructure Building

372. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and the Minister of Civil Aviation together planning to invest Rs. 4 lakh crores in building the infrastructure of the country over the next five years;

(b) if so, the details of this ambitious plan;

(c) what is the share of his Ministry in the total expenditure;

(d) how the Ministry is planning to pool the resources for this mega plan;

(e) whether it is also a fact that this plan includes a dedicated freight corridor; and

(f) if so, the details of blueprint of the proposed freight corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Investment in infrastructure is an ongoing process. There is, however, no joint plan of Ministry of Railways with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for infrastructure building over the next five years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) The Railways plan to construct Dedicated Freight Corridors on the Western Corridor (from Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai to Tughlakabad and Dadri *via* Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Palanpur and Rewari) and Eastern Corridor (from Ludhiana to Sonnagar *via* Khurja and Mughalsarai) in phase I followed by extension to deep sea port in Kolkata area.

Discontinuing Kerala bound trains

373. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to discontinue Swarna Jayanti Express and Millennium Express, two Kerala bound weekly trains from Delhi;